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SUBJECT: UN SYG WALDHEIM VISIT TO UPPER VOLTA

1. WALDHEIM VISITED UPPER VOLTA FEB 2;-1 AS PART OF
TOUR FOR DROUGHT-STRICKEN SAHEL COUNTRIES. WALDHEIM WAS
TREATED TO FLYING VISIT TO GOROM-GOROM AND DORI IN
VOLTAN SAHEL, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND GOUV,
AND OCILSS MINISTERS MEETING. UPPER VOLTA GAVE
WALDHEIM FULL RED CARPET TREATMENT, WITH OFFICES CLOSED
SO THAT PEOPLE COULD LINE STREETS IN MORNING, STATEDINNER
WITH FOLKLORIC DANCC G IN EVENING, ETC.

2. IN SPEECH TO CILSS WALDHEIM HIGHLIGHTED DROUGHT AID
EFFORTS OF UN FAMILY AND AGAIN URGENTLY APPEALED TO
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO "SPARE NO EFFORT" IN
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ASSISTING PEOPLES OF SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION. POINTING

TO NEED TO EXAMINE CONDITIONS OF NATURE THAT CAUSED THE MASSIVE DISEQUALIBRIUM, WALDHEIM SAID UN SYSTEM HAS SCHEDULED SEVERAL SCIENTCFIC CONFERENCES. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING "MY PRESENCE AMONG YOU TODAY IS REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT OF UN TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO OVERCOME PRESENT SITUATION... A PROFOUND HUMAN TRAGEDY."

3. CILSS MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY MINISTERS FROM UPPER VOLTA, MALI, GAMBIA, NIGER, MAURITANIA AND CHAD. SENEGAL HAD INTENDED BE REPRESENTEDNBS ITS AMBASSADOR IN BAMAKO, BUT DELAYED MESSAGE PREVENTED HIS ATTENDANCE. MEETING REVIEWED SITUATION BUO TOOK NO NEW DECISIONS.

4. SYG WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ASST. SYG BRADFORD MORSE, ASST SYG DJEMAKOYEN UNDER-SYG FARAH, UNDP DEPTY DIR PATEL, AND SYG'S CHEF DE CABINET PROHASKA. PATEL IS STAYING ON TO REVIEW UNDP PROGRAMS IN UPPER VOLTA, ESPECIALLY MAUGKOU PROJECT (WHICH HAS SHOWN THAT DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED AGRICULTURE CAN DOUBLE FAMILY PRODUCTION USING INTRODUCTION OF PLOW AND OTHER SIMPLE METHODS WHICH CAN BE ASSIMULATED BY PEASANTS).

5. COMMENT: VISIT SERVED TO FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON PROBLEMS OF SAHEL. DECON 8--2-74.
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